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(U) NATIONAL

(U) Illinois—Two Police Officers Shot and Wounded in Targeted Attack

(U) Chicago—Two Chicago police officers were shot and wounded last night when two vehicles pulled up alongside their car and someone started firing indiscriminately in what authorities believe was a targeted attack. The shooting happened in the Back of the Yards neighborhood, a high crime area on the city's South Side. A manhunt was underway for the suspects and two guns and a vehicle have been recovered that police they believe are linked to the shooting. The officers are expected to recover. SOURCE: 3 May 2017, Associated Press

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan—Blast near US Embassy Kills 8, Injures 25

(U) Kabul—At least eight Afghan civilians were killed today in the Afghan capital of Kabul when a suicide bomber attacked a NATO military convoy. Another 25 Afghan civilians were wounded—as well as three US service members—in the morning rush-hour attack, which happened near the US Embassy. Members of the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) claimed responsibility for the bombing. SOURCE: 3 May 2017, NPR

(U) France—Anti-Terror Police Arrest Five Just Days before Presidential Election

(U) Paris—French anti-terror investigators have arrested five people just days before the presidential election, according to the Paris prosecutor's office. Four men and a woman were arrested in three areas of the country and four weapons were recovered, the office of Paris Prosecutor Francois Molins said. No other details were available.

SOURCE: 2 May 2017, CNN

(U) Mexico—Authorities Capture Sinaloa Cartel Leader Damaso Lopez

(U) Mexico City— One of the Sinaloa cartel leaders who launched a struggle for control of the gang following the re-arrest of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was captured yesterday, Mexican prosecutors said. The attorney general's office said that soldiers and prosecution agents carried out a morning raid in Mexico City to capture a drug gang leader it called "Damaso N," which a federal official confirmed as Damaso Lopez—known by the nickname "El Licenciado." Lopez, 51, is believed to have been locked in a dispute with Guzman's sons for control of the cartel's territories and is likely responsible for much of the violence in Sinaloa and the southern part of Baja California.

Source: 2 May 2017, ABC News

(U) Syria—ISIS Attack Kills Dozens in Refugee Camp

(U) Hasakah Province—A jihadist assault led by suicide bombers killed dozens yesterday at a camp for the displaced near Syria's border with Iraq, as pressure grows on ISIS in both countries. The dawn attack left at least 46 people dead at the makeshift camp where some 300 families were waiting to cross into territory held by the Syrian Democratic Forces, the US-backed alliance leading the assault on Raqqa. The

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Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said at least five suicide bombers blew themselves up inside and outside the camp, which ISIS claimed responsibility for via its propaganda outlet Amaq. SOURCE: 2 May 2017, AFP

(U) United Kingdom—Cyber Jihadi Sentenced to Eight Years for Online Terror Hub

(U) Cardiff—A cyber jihadi who hid his support for ISIS on USB cufflinks was handed a sentence for eight years in jail. Samata Ullah, 34, created a "one-stop shop" for terrorists from his bedroom in Cardiff, offering a range of guidance on how to stay one step ahead of police and security services. At the time of his arrest on 22 September last year, he had USB cufflinks with a Linux operating system loaded on it and a hoard of extremist data including 15 copies of the ISIS propaganda magazine, Dabiq. SOURCE: 2 May 2017, Independent

SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona—Border Agents Find nearly \$500K of Marijuana near Hiking Trail

(U) Patagonia—Two Border Patrol agents working near Patagonia found more than 1,100 pounds of marijuana, worth in excess of \$550,000, near a hiking trail on 1 May. Agents walking a known smuggling route south of Patagonia observed debris that appeared to have been deliberately placed in an effort to conceal something on the ground. Upon closer inspection, they discovered the debris was covering 55 bundles of marijuana wrapped in cellophane. Agents searched for the smugglers but determined they were no longer in the area.

SOURCE: 2 May 2017, Arizona Daily Star

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